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RE: Midlands Utility, Inc. Request Provision for Extension of Utility Service Lines and Mains for Areas Served in the Northwoods Estates and Empire Estates in Orangeburg County South Carolina

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Midlands Utility, Inc. is a public utility within the meaning of S.C. Code Ann Section 58-5-10(3) providing sewer service to residential and commercial customers in Lexington, Richland, Fairfield and Orangeburg Counties. Midlands Utility is currently operating under a schedule of rates approved by the South Carolina Public Service Commission. Midlands Utility, Inc. requests that it be permitted to provide the following provision in its tariff for its service area in Orangeburg South Carolina:

"EXTENSION OF UTILITY SERVICE LINES AND MAINS

The utility shall have no obligation at its expense to extend its utility service lines or mains in order to permit any customer to discharge acceptable wastewater into its sewer system. However, anyone or any entity which is willing to pay all costs associated with extending an appropriately engineered and constructed main or utility service line from its premises to an appropriate connection point on the Utility's sewer system may receive service, subject to paying the appropriate fees and charges set forth in the current rate schedule, complying with guidelines and standards hereof, and, where appropriate, agreeing to pay approved amounts for multi-tap capacity. In addition, capacity must be available from Orangeburg Department of Public Utilities and appropriate fees paid to the Orangeburg Department of Public Utilities."

This provision is being requested in the Orangeburg service area due to a developer not installing teewyes, service lines to the property lines, or other necessary appurtenances. Many of the proposed lots are on the opposite side of the road from the sewer main. Service connection to the main is an expensive proposition to Midlands Utility, Inc. The connection cost for a new customer should not fall on an existing customer. These costs should be borne by the developer and ultimately on the home owner.

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Accordingly, the Applicant, Midlands Utility, Inc. respectively submits this request in its tariff for approval from the Public Service Commission without a public hearing.

Should you have any questions feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

MIDLANDS UTILITY, INC.

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President

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